



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT MARK G. FORSTER

Chief Master Sergeant Mark G. Forster is the Nebraska State Command Chief Master Sergeant, advising the Adjutant General and Assistant Adjutant General (Air) on quality-of-life issues and concerns of Nebraska Air National Guard Enlisted Airmen.

Chief Forster entered military service in August 1983. He was assigned to the 173rd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, Photo Processing and Interpretation Facility eventually becoming the Superintendent of Imagery Interpretation. In 1993, Chief Forster cross-trained to the In-Flight Refueling career field and was assigned as the Cargo Load Training Manager. He completed Instructor training in 1996 and was assigned as the Senior Boom Evaluator later that year. Chief Forster worked in Standards and Evaluations, 155th Operations Group until 2007. Chief Forster was briefly assigned to the flight scheduling office before assuming the 173rd ARS Program Manager position in June 2009 where he served as the Chief Boom until his appointment to State Command Chief in September 2012.



EDUCATION:

- 1982 Diploma in Motorcycle Technology Southeast Community College - Lincoln, NE
- 1984 Photo/Radar Imagery Interpretation Specialist Course, Lowery AFB, CO
- 1986 Airman Leadership School—Correspondence
- 1986 Warsaw Pact Equipment—Advanced Identification Course, Bergstrom AFB, TX
- 1986 A.A.S.— Intelligence and Imagery Analysis Community College of the Air Force - Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1987 Management Techniques Course - Correspondence
- 1988 NATO Forces Equipment - Advanced Identification Course, Bergstrom AFB, TX
- 1990 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy - Correspondence
- 1992 Non-Commissioned Officer Academy (Phase 1), McGhee-Tyson ANGB, TN
- 1993 Combat Crew Training School, Castle AFB, CA
- 1993 Combat/Water Survival Training, Fairchild AFB WA
- 1994 Emergency War Order Operations Training, Forbes ANGB, KS
- 1996 USAF Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy - Correspondence
- 1996 Central Flight Instructor Course, Altus AFB, OK
- 2000 Pacer CRAG Initial Cadre Qualification, McConnell AFB, KS
- 2001 A.A.S.— Aviation Operations Community College of the Air Force - Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2010 Bachelor of Applied Science - Business Management, Peru State College, Peru NE.
- 2011 Professional Manager Certification, Community College of the Air Force - Maxwell AFB, AL
- 2011 ANG Chief's Executive Course - Andrews AFB, VA
- 2012 Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education Course—Correspondence
- 2012 ANG Command Chief Orientation Course - Lackland AFB, TX
- 2012 Master of Applied Science - Operations Management, Peru State College, Peru NE.

ASSIGNMENTS:

November 1983—Basic Military Training, Lackland AFB, TX
January 1984—Imagery Interpretation Training, Lowery AFB, CO
September 1984 – Imagery Interpretation Specialist, 173rd TRS, Lincoln, NE
April 1987 – NCOIC Imagery Interpretation, 173rd TRS, Lincoln, NE
July 1991 – Superintendent Imagery Interpretation, 173rd ARS, Lincoln, NE
December 1992 – Combat Crew Training School (In-Flight Refueling), Castle AFB, CA
May 1993—In-Flight Refueling Operator, 173rd ARS, Lincoln, NE
July 1996—Central Flight Instructor Course (In-Flight Refueling), Altus AFB, OK
October 1996 – Aircrew Standards and Evaluations, 155th OGV, Lincoln, NE
December 2007 – Flight Scheduling Office, 173rd ARS, Lincoln, NE
February 2008 – In-Flight Refueling Superintendent, 173rd ARS, Lincoln, NE
June 2009 – Chief In-Flight Refueling Technician, 173rd ARS, Lincoln, NE
September 2012—State Command Chief Master Sergeant, JFHQ, Lincoln, NE

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Device
Air Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 Devices
Air Force Achievement Medal with 2 Devices
Meritorious Unit Award
AF Outstanding Unit Award with 8 Devices
Combat Readiness Medal with 6 Devices
Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 8 Devices
National Defense Service Medal with 1 Device
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Kosovo Campaign Medal with 1 Device
Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 Device
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
AF Overseas Ribbon—Short
Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border and 2 Devices
AF Longevity Service with 5 Devices
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” Device and Silver Hour Glass Device
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon with 1 Device
AF Training Ribbon
NATO Medal with 1 Device
Mississippi Emergency Service Medal
Nebraska National Guard Commendation Medal with 1 Device
Nebraska National Guard Service Medal with 25 Devices

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

2007 155th Operations Group SNCO of the Year
2010 Induction—Alpha Chi National Honor Society
2012 AMC 3500 Hours Mishap Free Flying Award

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROMOTION:

E-9 Chief Master Sergeant 29 JUL 09

As of Dec 2012

